

National SSC Meeting IV Steering Committee  
Meeting 1 Summary Notes

The first meeting of the National SSC Meeting IV Steering Committee was held via conference call on Tuesday March 2, 2011. SSC Chairs in attendance included John Boreman (MAFMC), Steve Cadrin (NEFMC), Pat Livingston (NPFMC) and Martin Dorn (PFMC). Others on the call included Rick Methot (NMFS), Rich Seagraves (MAFMC), Paul Dalzell (WPFMC), Mike Burner (PFMC), Don McIsaac (PFMC), and Harry Blanchett (GFMC).

J. Boreman opened the meeting with a description of the meeting time and location. The meeting will be held at the Kingsmill Resort in Williamsburg, VA on 4-6, 2011 (travel days are Oct 3 and 7). The first issue discussed was the scope of topics to be addressed including social/economic and ecosystem considerations. The consensus of the group was that both topics were considered at the last SSC workshop in Charleston for inclusion on the agenda of the next National SSC meeting. The decision at the CCC meeting was to provide funding for another SSC Workshop and to include both social/economic and ecosystem considerations at the 2011 meeting.

It was noted that given the disparate nature of these two topic areas, broader representation from each Council SSC was necessary. In the past, funding for four participants from each Council was provided (3 SSC and 1 staff member). For this workshop, funding will be provided for five participants from each Council (4 SSC and 1 staff member). The first action item is to send out a call for nominations from each Council for participation at the conference (to be handled by Boreman and Seagraves). Each Council will be asked to nominate 2 social/economic and 2 biological/ecosystem scientists from the ranks of their SSCs.

The group then discussed the program structure (see attached agenda for strawman). The idea was to start out in plenary the first morning and then work in break-out groups until the last session Thursday morning when everyone could come back together in plenary. M. Dorn was concerned that there might be too much competition between breakout sessions. The group agreed that the plenary on day one would be extended into the afternoon to include other topics of mutual interest. Breakouts would occur on day 2 and the last day would be a wrap-up discussion in plenary.

The issue of planning actual program for the meeting was discussed. One thought was to have two separate planning groups for each topic. It was agreed that the SSC Steering Committee would perform the overall planning function and that two subgroups would be formed comprised of economic and ecosystem types to plan out each respective program. There were no economists on the call so it was decided to wait and see who gets nominated by the Councils and recruit the planning subcommittees from the attendee list.

One of the things everyone needs to think about are trigger questions to be presented at the initial plenary to stimulate discussion during the breakout sessions. In addition, key

note speakers need to be identified fairly soon so that invitations can be sent out (especially for any international participants).

D. McIsaac asked for clarification on the number of participants allowed for each Council in cases where SSC members are also NMFS employees (i.e., their travel costs are covered by NMFS). [*Post meeting discussion with C. Moore indicated that we are limited by overall space and that it would be best to limit attendance from each Council to 5 each but there would some reasonable allowance for additional participation on a case by case basis*]. He also asked for clarification of how social/economic and ecosystem considerations in the specification of ABC are permitted under the NS1 guidelines. The NS1 are flexible in this regard and one of the key topics for discussion could be how social and economic factors might be considered in ABC determinations, especially in data poor situations. As the Councils transition into an ecosystem based fishery management paradigm, ecosystem considerations will certainly become a significant component of scientific uncertainty within the ABC specification process.

National SSC Workshop IV Steering Committee  
Conference Call  
March 1, 2011 (5:00 p.m. EST)  
Agenda

Purpose of the call is to begin planning for:

National SSC Workshop IV  
October 4-7, 2011  
Kingsmill Resort  
Williamsburg, VA

Agenda Item 1: Topics to be discussed

- Social/ economic and ecosystem considerations during ABC determinations under MSRA

Agenda Item 2: Format

- tentative format would be as follows:

Day 1 morning:	plenary session
Day 2 afternoon:	breakout sessions
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Day 3 morning:	plenary session

Agenda Item 3: attendance

- 4 members from each SSC (2 soc/econ and 2 biologists) and 1 Council staffer
- 3 NMFS S&T
- invited speakers

Agenda Item 4: Develop separate planning subgroups for each theme?

Agenda Item 4: Dinners/receptions

Agenda Item 5: Other issues

